

RESPONSE UNDER 37 C.F.R. 1.116 EXPEDITED PROCEDURE EXAMINING GROUP

PATENT

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant:

RAO ET AL.

Examiner:

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CHOLESTEROL LOWERING STRUCTURED LIPIDS CONTAINING

OMEGA 6 POLYUNSATURATED FATTY ACIDS AND THE PROCESS

THEREOF

CERTIFICATE UNDER 37 CFR 1.8;

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PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

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Dear Sir:

In accordance with the provisions of 37 C.F.R. §1.136(a), it is respectfully requested that a one-month extension of time be granted in which to respond to the outstanding Office Action mailed February 4, 2004, said period of response being extended from May 4, 2004 to June 4, 2004.

Our check in the amount of \$110.00 is enclosed to cover the required extension fee for a large entity.

Respectfully submitted,

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